

Are we supposed to "just believe" that the Bible is God's inspired Word? Wouldn't God validate it somehow, *IF* that Word really shows the only way to Himself and back Home? "The testimony of Jesus (that He was Who He claimed to be) is the spirit of prophecy!" says the Scripture (Revelation 19:10). Have you heard that testimony and marveled over those prophecies? ***You can. Now.***



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“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne. He that hath an ear let him HEAR what the Spirit sayeth unto the churches. “

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LESSON 10

“If any man come to Me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.

So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be My disciple.”

Luke 14:26,33

DISCIPLESHIP

The Lord had concluded the Parable of THE ONE LOST SHEEP and was gladly heard by the tax collectors and common sinners. Then He continued in parabolic teaching, slanting a somewhat similar vein of thought to THE LOST PIECE OF MONEY:

*** *“Either what woman having ten pieces of silver*
*** *[drachmas], IF she lose one piece [drachma], doth*
*** *not light a candle and sweep the house, and seek*
*** *diligently till she find it? And when she hath*
*** *found it, she calleth her friends and her neigh-*
*** *bors together, saying: Rejoice with me, for I have*
*** *found the piece [drachma] which I had lost. Like-*
*** *wise I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of*
*** *the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.”*

Luke 15:8-10

By the Lord's own words we see how He was STRESS-ING the "JOY in heaven over one repentant sinner." This has been partly covered in a previous Lesson, dealing with the ONE Lost Sheep. On other occasions He commended the righteous. But it is manifest that He took extra time and effort to stress the importance of

* REPENTANCE *

and to declare the exceeding joy among the angels of God over every mortal turning from the error of his ways with A CONTRITE heart. Does not His Word declare:

** *"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and A CONTRITE HEART, O God, Thou wilt not despise."*

Psalm 51:17

Here it appears in place to draw attention to Scripture renderings and the "doctrines of men" which may cause a soul to perish. In the first few verses of *Luke 13*, Jesus again stressed REPENTANCE. And in *verses 3 and 5* He said:

** *"...But except ye REPENT, ye shall all likewise perish."* **

While the translation foisted upon the Roman Catholics, reads: "...But except ye DO PENANCE, ye shall all likewise perish."

The Greek text uses *metanoio* which means *TO REPENT*, and certainly not to *DO* penance. Yet regardless of the precise words of the original and the proper translation, any clear-thinking person can decide which is THE TRUTH. As an illustration let us say that today Mr. Fibber tells a horrible lie. True to his religious teachings, he *confesses*. Straightway he is asked to DO PENANCE. *Maybe* this penance will consist of walking with a few dried peas in his shoes for a day or two, or to repeat a prescribed prayer a specified number of times.

Yet when the “penance” is over, it may be that he figures, “GOOD, NOW THAT IS SETTLED!” And in the course of another few days the discomfort endured is well forgotten, and so he tells another whopper – maybe worse than the previous! The danger of “penance” lies in the fact that the person can so easily get into the false psychology that *he* has “atoned” for his evil, and that if he errs again, he can also DO some more “penance.” Yet even a child in spiritual understanding should realize that such “penance” carried on throughout a hundred years ACCOMPLISHES NOTHING *UNLESS*

**** A TRUE REPENTANCE HAS TAKEN ROOT WITHIN THE SOUL. ****

**** *“Be ye therefore PERFECT, even as your Father Which is in Heaven is PERFECT.” *****

Matthew 5:48

God looks for WHOLENESS and PERFECTION: He is not the slightest interested in what gymnastics or paces a person may put oneself through *UNLESS* it accomplishes a *renovation of the human heart!*

IF Mr. Fibber can be given to realize that no thing or person can ever come into the presence of God which is not ABSOLUTELY TRUE AND PURE, and IF he can be made to see that SEPARATION from God shall mean untold and AGE-lasting grief for him, it may be that he will come to a true REPENTANCE of his errors, and whole-heartedly embrace TRUTH.... Therefore I say: IF dried peas or beans in your shoes, or stereotyped prayers will help you to come to great and true grief over the error of your ways, and enable you to whole-heartedly embrace the opposite VIRTUES, then by all means keep a generous stock of large, hard peas on hand, and walk on them frequently. For, if such antics will cleanse your heart, then assuredly you can make no better investment for eternity. But this much you should discern:

the “*penance*” profits nothing UNLESS it brings about A *TRUE REPENTANCE*. Therefore it follows logically that it is REPENTANCE and NOT PENANCE which truly counts with God. Yet if penance can help a person to come to REPENTANCE, then let penance be done; otherwise cast it aside as a profitless antic invented in the eras of spiritual darkness.

This has not been intended as a contribution to religious controversy, but rather to set STRAIGHT *the factors of discipleship....* It is the soul WITHIN which results in the life LIVED WITHOUT. It is the human mind and soul which must be *DISCIPLINED*. Wherever the mortification of the flesh helps to DISCIPLINE THE SOUL – it is highly commendable. Yet the tormenting of the flesh profits nothing unless thereby THE SOUL IS DISCIPLINED!

*** A TRUE REPENTANCE IS THE WHIPLASH OF SOUL-DISCIPLINE! ***

We should also realize that true repentance which leads to a transformed life constitutes a VICTORY for the angel in charge of that person. The person who has done well in this life may be admired and respected, but the person who has known defeat and poverty yet risen far above it to succeed eminently is the person who receives more attention, acclaim, and admiration!

Likewise is it with the angels in heaven who minister unto human beings. Those whose charges have lived lives of righteousness consistently are, naturally, very well pleased. But that guiding spirit whose charge TURNS from the depths of degradation to embark upon a life of righteousness HAS SCORED A SIGNAL VICTORY, and great is the rejoicing in their midst. While those whose charges never turn from the path of wickedness have lost the battle unto the evil spirit operating in that person’s life. Think not that the spirit world is full of idleness, but rather a scene of the most intense activ-

ity and rivalry. The rivalry is not among the forces of GOOD, but rather between the forces of LIGHT and those of darkness. With them as with us, their future is largely dependent on the amount of SUCCESS they achieve in the field of their operations.

There are two camps, each with its own GREAT CHIEF: Christ and Lucifer. Though we may say “Christ” truthfully, the Bible designation for the Chief of Angelic Lights is that of the “Holy Spirit” (often warped to that of “Holy GHOST”).

Speaking to the 70 evangelists on their return, Christ said He had beheld Satan “fall from heaven like lightning” (see **Lk. 10:18**). Some have interpreted this as describing Satan’s expulsion from heaven, yet that is false doctrine. But when THE POWER OF GOD went into massive operation in the days of Christ’s ministry, and in that of the twelve and seventy, then Lucifer faced a terrific CHALLENGE! To meet that challenge to his power he hurtled earthward like a bolt of lightning flash to personally muster his forces and “hold the fort” – if possible. Then followed six months during which Lucifer personally led the attack and shot the orders to all captains of his Dark Domain.

Did he succeed? Lucifer thought so, and great was the glee in their midst: in his triumph he exulted as he beheld “the son of God” nailed to the cross on Calvary’s brow!

Or what think you Jesus meant when He said to Peter in The Garden of Gethsemane: ***“Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He shall presently give Me more than twelve legions of angels?”*** (**Matt. 26:53**). Would the angels of Light – had He summoned them – come to fight against flesh and bone? No! But to fight the legions of Lucifer’s army then in battle against the Son of God – INSPIRING Judas and those who brought about the apprehension, condemnation, and crucifixion of Jesus....

Only a few hours previously, the angelic host of heaven under the White Banner had been released from battle duty when Christ announced in prayer: "The work which Thou gavest Me to do, I HAVE FINISHED" (see *Jn. 17:4*). For the moment the angels' work was done, and they then retired unto their Captain.... Therefore did He say later that night: ***"...But this is your hour, and the power of Darkness" (Lk. 22:53)***. He could have elaborated, saying: "This is your hour because the messengers of Darkness have been given complete control of the battlefield!"

How little man knows of the mighty battles waged constantly in his vicinity! Where Lucifer prevails, evil flourishes. But his time is now short. Wherefore are the Powers of Darkness working at fever pitch.

Yet these facts should not discourage the individual Christian, for the Powers of Light in his behalf are greater than those of Darkness. Therefore is it written: ***"...He that believeth on Him shall not be confounded" (I Pet. 2:6)***. That is, the Angel of Light in charge will not permit the forces of Darkness to prevail to the confusion and downfall of the believer, even though momentary failures are permitted that the individual may come to better understand his weaknesses.

In the Parable of the lost piece of money, Christ draws a parallel between that and the lost estate of the sinner. Therefore are we justified to consider the woman – at least from that one perspective – as typifying The CHURCH. *This* we will FIRST consider. Viewed thus, the great Truth He conveyed by this illustration constitutes an indictment against the common practice of Churches. For when a church loses one of its members to the allurements of the world either she does NOTHING about it, or else the minister pays a call, trying to induce the wayward one to return (to the fold).

In the first instance, the doing NOTHING about the loss

of a member is decidedly amiss for, said He, “She lights a candle and sweeps the house, and seeks diligently until she finds it.” THAT is certainly doing SOMETHING about it! But precisely what is the significance of that which He enumerates?

She lights a candle that there may be light in her house – to light up the dark comers and places in-behind. The lit candle speaks of the LIGHT of His Spirit reflected by the Inspired Word, and also the same light available more directly in these days through the abiding Spirit presence, or through the IN-dwelling Spirit. But where is the candlelight used? To search other dwellings and scour the neighborhood? Hardly! But to SEARCH HER OWN HOUSE!

In other words, THE BASIC FAULT LIES AT HOME! Perhaps there are exceptions to that rule, but clearly shows His Word that such a case is the signal for turning the Light of His Spirit INWARD and to start HOUSE-CLEANING! When one’s own house (the human tabernacle for His Spirit) has been cleared of the major rubbish, then can a more diligent search commence until the lost money is found.... The cause for church members leaving is the imperfections within the church organism itself, and often within the minister in charge. When, then, it has been revealed by The Light, THEN the rejoicing takes place and friends and neighbors come to rejoice (joining up as new and happy members). (What contrast to the going away to cajole a member to return!) It is right and proper that one fallen away should be visited, and his problems discussed, *but FIRST the housecleaning at home....*

The AUTHORIZED VERSION has used “pieces of silver” instead of “drachma” as in the original. However, since the drachma was a silver coin and the ones in common usage, the translation is virtually correct.

Considered then, in the sense of SILVER, it speaks to us even more clearly. For, silver is the metallic symbol of SOUL (or soul-qualities). Thus, the piece of lost silver becomes A SOUL QUALITY allowed to “go to seed”! This Truth can be applied by every individual who is a willing “disciple,” who finds some weakness or fault developing because of a certain soul-quality which has been lost. The LIGHT of His Spirit must then be called in that a truly SEARCHING experience may disclose the cause, and what it is that keeps that soul-quality (lost silver coin) in darkness.

In the experience of the average Christian, this lost piece of silver is the loss of one’s “FIRST LOVE” (see **Rev. 2:4**). Many have an ardent “first love” for Christ and the things of His Holy Spirit, but because they are not properly instructed and watched over by the ELDERS in the Body of Christ, the false lights of this world detract their attention. Then commences the cooling of their “first love”; then “the piece of silver” is soon lost: that new-found LUSTRE vanishes as the person looks more and more to the world.

There were 10 pieces of silver money: ONE is lost. THAT is 1/10th. And what is the ONE-tenth? In numerous places are we shown that the 1/10th is THAT portion which BELONGS TO GOD. It is 1, or the LIFE of God come to the 2nd placement, or that of SOUL, while His rest and PEACE broods in the placement of body. It is THAT PORTION which He covets. It is HIS and His only! The other nine soul qualities are good, but His portion is THE FIRST LOVE which He demands MUST be rendered unto Him. Therefore is it recorded in **Revelation 2:4-5**:

“Nevertheless, I have somewhat against thee because thou hast left thy FIRST LOVE. Remember therefore, from whence thou art fallen; and repent (be soul-disciplined) and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly and will remove thy

candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.”

THIS is that LUSTRE which envelopes the fruitful, spirit-filled life. It is that HALO which marks a Christian as being in an exclusive and exalted category. It holds an intimate relationship to the “wedding garment” which, IF LACKING, the guest is thrown out from the marriage celebration....

Here we have viewed the spiritual (soul-implying factors) connotations and DISCIPLINARY implications, yet the Divine Logos Incarnate could not limit Himself to dealing with ONE subject only when speaking this simple parable. For, He had conformed all things unto the Pattern, Himself being the CHIEF CAPSTONE. Therefore does His every Word vivify the stones built into the edifice, and THEY FIT THE PATTERN – reflecting portions of His Truth and grandeur.

Ordinarily, we should consider the 10 drachmas to denote 10 days wages. But the subject under discussion is “a woman” unto whom we can ascribe no standard wage. (It is doubtful that women of the pre-Christian era had a standard wage). Therefore must we learn its value in a roundabout way.

The number 10 speaks to us of THE LAW and also of the Gentiles. “The woman” is now linked with the Church, but in earlier days typified a city or a people.

***** “Son of man, there were two women, the daughters of one mother. And they committed whoredoms in Egypt...Thus were their names: Samaria is Ahola, and Jerusalem Aholibah.” *****

Ezekiel 23:2-4

Usually it is not recognized by a drowsing clergy, but Jacob’s decision to take his people into Egypt in the time of Canaan’s famine, WAS A GRAVE ERROR! Earlier in life he had left his people’s home, going to Padan-Aram. Long and hard had been his struggles to gain possessions, and to

return to Canaan. And, as Canaan typifies a spiritual estate – while we are still on earth – manifestly, it becomes a serious spiritual defaulting to leave that spiritual estate and return to the things of this earth (Egypt). Although Jacob’s sojourn in Egypt had been foretold by God Almighty, THAT did not make it RIGHT. And when Jacob’s soul LONGED for his son in Egypt, God had told him to NOT BE AFRAID to go down into Egypt, yet THAT did not make it right for Jacob to do. Similarly, Jesus had said to Judas that whatsoever he was doing “**DO QUICKLY**” (*Jn. 13:27*). That did not make it *right* for Judas to betray his Lord! And although the part Judas played was a PART OF GOD’S PLAN, that did not justify Judas Iscariot! We must not overlook the astounding capacity of God to UTILIZE the gravest errors of sinful man, fitting them into His over-all plan to accomplish His objective.... Thus was it also with Israel’s sojourn in Egypt a part of the Plan of God, YET A WOEFUL ERROR ON THE PART OF JACOB!

Therefore spoke His Spirit through Ezekiel, saying: “...*They committed whoredoms in Egypt*” (*Ezek. 23:3*). This term must not be construed as referring to individual unfaithfulness in the marriage relationship: THAT was a common human failing both before and after Egypt both within and without “the House of Jacob.” But God speaks here of that which is far more important: man’s unfaithfulness in relationship to the Spirit of God. Thus, their leaving Canaan THE LAND COVENANTED TO THEM – *was in itself a monstrous whoredom!* Their entire sojourn in Egypt was that many years of unfaithfulness (whoredom) to Him! Wherefore was it said that “*they committed whoredoms in Egypt.*”

At the very instant we grasp this startling truth, do we recognize that the entire Egyptian sojourn WAS SOMETHING PRECIOUS LOST! What Jacob had gained in his struggle, which found consummation at the brook Jabbok when he

wrestled with the angel – that great outpouring of God’s Spirit upon him and INTO him, transforming him from the guileful Jacob into the upright and princely Israel – THAT spiritual heritage he won for himself and his people WAS COMPLETELY LOST BY THEIR GOING INTO EGYPT! Not that Jacob’s life and struggles had been in vain, but had he not erred in the time of famine (his TESTING), his seed would have filled the land and fully inherited the Promises, never to be driven out by their foes....

**** “Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles to TAKE OUT OF THEM A PEOPLE FOR HIS NAME.” ****

Acts 15:14

But THAT was not the commencement of the Pattern in the time of the Apostles. The entire world as it was REpopulated by the descendants of Noah, was “the gentile” world. They were the Gentiles God visited in the days of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to “take out of them a people for His Name.” THAT, however, was for the provision of the EARTHLY Kingdom. When God had covenanted with them to “secure them for His Name,” then they were no longer “gentiles.” *THAT was the FIRST VISIT.*

The second visiting of the Gentiles by God – according to the Pattern – took place in the days of Peter and in the house of Cornelius. But this latter call upon the Gentiles was to take out of them A SPIRITUAL PEOPLE FOR HIS NAME – in connection with the Heavenly Kingdom which is from above. As the man of earth was before the man from Heaven, so was God’s call first to the EARTHLY MAN FOR AN EARTHLY KINGDOM, and His second visiting for the SPIRITUAL Kingdom.

With this greater, over-all pattern before us, we behold in a glance what our blessed Lord was speaking about in the

parable of the lost silver coin. And we observe in the opening of *Luke's 15th* chapter, how He speaks to the Jews, saying: "*What man of you*" (*verse 4*). But immediately following in the parable of the lost coin He does not repeat the phrase "...of YOU," but rather "*what WOMAN*" (*verse 8*). In those words He purposely refrained from identifying *the woman* with the House of Jacob. For, this "woman" of whom He spoke is far greater than the confines of the House of Israel – after the flesh.

"Noah planted a vineyard..." (see *Gen. 9:20*). This is the allegorical statement of *the woman's* first commencement in the Gentile world. The same vineyard of Noah brought forth fruit in the days of Abraham and the Patriarchs! (Yet this scene we cannot now peruse.) Thus, "the woman" (His chosen people) LOST the 1/10th of her drachmas by going down into Egypt: the sparkling glamour of the polished silver coin denoting Jacob's FIRST LOVE – was lost entirely out of sight in Egypt's dark house....

But what says His Word? Ah, the CANDLE shall be LIT that the whole HOUSE may be thoroughly SWEPT, and after that a *diligent* search instituted that the gleaming coin may be regained! Someone has said that "the mills of God grind slowly, yet they grind exceedingly fine." Indeed, so appears the picture! For 430 years was the woman's silver coin BEING LOST. THEN struck the Spirit-fire of God as the Pattern-candle lit up in the burning bush while He spoke to Moses. The "house" in which the silver had been lost would have to be swept with care and turned inside out that the SOUL QUALITY of a FIRST LOVE for God and His TRUTH might again be restored!

All this to instill into a people ("the woman") the factual soul-realization of the FIRST Commandment!

**** "*Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine***

heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might."

Deuteronomy 6:5

And the "diligent searching of the house" is still in progress, although there are abundant signs that the silver's glint has now been sighted, and that the treasured coin shall soon be restored to the others.

At last we are at the stage where we can TEST the correctness of our vision, and to check on the over-all Pattern, and view its prophetic consummation!

By tracing the pattern of God's moving finger we have identified the LOST drachma, and learned its value. This in terms of years amounts to 430. THAT was the sojourn of Israel in Egypt. We have also beheld "the woman" as being a spiritual organism, including, but also extending beyond the House of Jacob. This was an archetypal Pattern with two poles of manifestation: the earthly and the heavenly; the former searching the early Gentiles and emerging with the Jew, while the latter respects no racial seed, searching the entire world (house) to secure *that* people, or WOMAN, "for His Name."

If 1 coin covers 430 years, then the 9 other coins will be nine times that; thus

$$\begin{array}{r} 430 \\ \times 9 \\ \hline \end{array} = 3870 \text{ years} - \text{as the era of 9 drachmas, commenced in about } \underline{1657} \text{ A.M., when Noah emerged from the Ark, planting his vineyard,}$$
$$= 5527 \text{ A.M., or about 1527 A.D., as commencing era of silver coin FOUND.}$$

Since it was the Ever-Living Who spoke, since it is none but the Eternal God Who is at the helm – and always has been in charge of every detail and development, we must naturally expect that everything matures ON TIME, and clearly earmarked!

WHAT happened in 1527 A.D. that linked with the woman's silver coin? PLENTY! Martin Luther had defied the then Ecclesiastical Sea, and launched such a mighty spiritual crusade, that 1527 was the FIRST year of legal recognition being accorded the Protestants in Germany! Actually, that recognition was granted them at the Diet of Spires in 1526 A.D. THAT was precisely the era of 3870 years – or that of 9 coins – *from the time of Noah's entering the Ark!*

Is God a mathematician? Does His PLANNED program and spirit-schedule run on time? And how!

“For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every Sabbath day.”

Acts 15:21

Therein we see how God had maneuvered His people to walk through the nations of the earth, leaving their groups and communities scattered abroad, that the Word of God – even as through Moses – might become known throughout the world. THIS was the “lightning up of the candle” for the world, of which Egypt was but a type. Later came the Spirit vitalizing – or TRIMMING – of this candlelight in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost in the Upper Room, and later in the House of Cornelius unto the Gentiles.

This Spirit Light shed abroad by the Word of God has “lit up the house,” leading to its sweeping. This house-cleaning has been engendered by the FERMENT; or that spirit of DIVISION spoken of by Jesus Himself. Eventually, this ferment of division culminated in The Reformation when Martin Luther first sighted the glint of silver in the Gentile world. By 1526-27 A.D. it had been found. The SOUL of Christianity had been located in the Gentile world. The tinkling of silver in the selling of “indulgences” by the corrupt priest-

hood of a morally rotten Roman Catholic HEIRARCHY, had at last impinged upon the soul of Luther. While the furor that he set up shook the German nation; yes, and the whole Christian Catholic world! Now that the dogmas and shackles of ceremonialism were rudely cast aside, the SOUL (silver) of Christianity became apparent unto the entire world. Ever since have countless Christians been entering into

* THE FIRST LOVE *

of God and His Christ, displaying the ONE-TENTH portion which belongs to Him.

(Here, let not those of Catholic faith construe the foregoing as a broadside against the Catholic Church, but rather as that against corruption and spiritual degeneracy, and against the shackles of man-invented dogma and ceremonialism WHEREVER found, regardless of the creed or Church.)

THAT inaugurated the era of the LOST COIN *FOUND*, during which friends and neighbors are called in that there may be great rejoicing together! What an ingathering we have witnessed during these centuries of Protestant REJOICING with friends and neighbors! What JOY has echoed through the vault of heaven over countless sinners coming to A TRUE *REPENTANCE* over the errors of their ways since 1526-27 A.D.! Truly, the glitter of this silver coin has shone throughout the entire world! The SOUL-quality which glorifies God in Jesus Christ is at last becoming manifest to an appreciable degree. The FIRST Commandment is beginning to take root in human hearts!

Since God's SECOND *VISIT* unto the Gentiles, was to take out of them a spiritual people (or WOMAN "for His Name"), THAT speaks to us of the "RAPTURE" (or *translation*) of the Spirit-born Church of Jesus Christ as

** NOW BEING ** IMMEDIATELY IMMINENT! **

Thus once more a simple (?) Parable by THE Divine-

Logos-incarnate declares the beauty of His Spirit-Law in the exceeding greatness of the FIRST Commandment; as well as to demonstrate detailed prophecy for the ages to come, reaching back to the commencement of the Gentile era. And, as we behold such measures of time yielding PRECISION AGREEMENT in the time of their consummation, as well as being in PRECISION AGREEMENT with countless other prophecies both *open* and *veiled*, we KNOW that therein is evidenced

* THE UNCHALLENGEABLE * *DIVINE INSIGNIA!* *

It is * *THE NAME * OF JESUS CHRIST* *

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US IN THE MIGHTY DRAMAS OF HISTORY WHICH
HAVE RUN THEIR COURSE

* IN PERFECT AGREEMENT
* WITH THE EXTEMPORANEOUSLY SPOKEN WORD
OF * JESUS OF NAZARETH! * AND NOW DECLAR-
ING * THE END OF THE AGE! * TO EXPLODE ON OUR
PRESENT GENERATION! *

In concluding (temporarily) this DISCIPLESHIP STUDY, a few factors must be stressed lest some gather an erroneous impression.

It is not claimed (herein), nor intended to imply that *FAITH* is void; neither that man shall forge ahead to any spiritual pinnacle through *WORKS*. *FAITH* – in whatsoever degree – shall have its commensurate reward. But a *TRUE, LIVING FAITH* always manifests in comparable *WORKS* of one nature or another. The two *MUST GO HAND IN HAND*, otherwise that *faith* is almost worthless. (Observe the *almost*.) While *DISCIPLESHIP* for the Christian is as much of a *REALITY* and every whit as much *DESIRABLE today* as it was in the days of Jesus of Nazareth! Positively no person can be a *CHRISTIAN* without entering into *A MEASURE* of discipleship. But as then, so now: some followed Him irregularly,

some followed Him on the fringe of vast throngs, while 12 followed Him consistently and EXCEEDINGLY CLOSE – and one of *them* turned THE POWER of his opportunity unto his own destruction!

Discipleship as herein stressed, in the extremity of its individual application, is for those with a mighty LIVING FAITH who are resolutely resolved they shall achieve THE MAXIMUM which God has made possible. While for those too far advanced in years, or those who have not that spiritual fortitude and ambition to attain to MAXIMUM discipleship, they shall reap rewards commensurate with their FAITH (the degree of which KEYS the discipleship they achieve).

*** “No man having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God.” ***

Luke 9:62

“Hand to the plough” refers to the more intense discipleship of a VERY CLOSE WALK WITH JESUS through the tilling of the fallow ground of his own heart. Yet if “he LOOKS BACK” he is not “fit for the Kingdom of God!” The ploughman who looks back will swerve from the true line of a straight furrow. This was Jesus’ way of showing how STRAIGHT AND NARROW is the path which leads to the SUMMIT. Yet those who look back – and a-plenty – shall still have their rewards, even though it be not “the Kingdom of God.” But because of God’s Kingdom having two poles of manifestation, two planes of operation (the ethereal and the earthly) in which His Will shall manifest, does it become possible for God to FULFILL ALL HIS PROMISES, even those seemingly contradictory, unto that vast and countless multitude who have *believed in Him* but whose LIVING faith has netted the fruits of discipleship ranging from 30-fold to 100-fold.

NOTES:

QUESTIONS

THE PROPHETIC LOGOS LESSON #10

72: Allegorically, what is the significance of the “Lost piece of Silver” in an individual’s life?

73: HOW can that be demonstrated? (Here, do not quote Scripture, but resort to God’s *language* JOINED to Scripture.)

74: By what means was the “Candle of God” LIT throughout Gentile nations?

75: HOW can the lukewarm Christian FIND the “lost drachma” in his own life?

76: WHAT is required of “faith”?

77: In the sight of God, WHAT is required of either “penance” (done), or of “repentance”?

78: In the individual’s life, WHAT is THE determining factor for the life he lives in the outer world?

79: WHY is it herein stated that Jacob’s going down into Egypt was a great error?

80: HOW has God irrefutably demonstrated to us that the Spirit-SUBSTANCE of THE REFORMATION (birth of Protestantism) constituted A VITAL and IMPORTANT FORWARD STEP in the Christian Faith? (This must be answered from the Sword’s 2nd edge, rather than from pet Protestant prejudice.)

** OUR SANDS OF TIME ** ARE ALMOST SPILLED **
 ** PREPARE, O ISRAEL ** TO MEET YOUR GOD. **

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ANSWERS

THE PROPHETIC LOGOS LESSON #10

72: The “lost drachma” in the individual’s life, is the loss of “the FIRST LOVE,” which is often the consequence of neglecting to give unto God 1/10th of our time and substance.

73: This is PROVEN by the lost coin being 1/10th of her total possession; which, when considered in the light of *Revelation 2:4-5* (wherein God deplores the loss of the “First Love”), we see that the 1/10th is that portion which God covets – being HIS OWN! (1 – God’s LIFE and LIGHT; 0 = His REST.)

74: God’s CANDLE was LIT throughout the Gentile world through the dispersion of Jewry over the face of the earth, thus bringing “the Law” and the “lively oracles” of God unto the knowledge of all people.

75: By lighting up the candle of God’s Word, turning it to an honest SEARCHING OF HIS OWN HEART AND SOUL, ruthlessly casting aside (sweeping) all debris found by means of prayer and fasting, until the LUSTRE of the lost silver coin again gleams to the joy of all beholding. THAT is finding a lost coin!

76: A true, living faith MUST result in WORKS both within and without!

77: A whole Era of “penance” done, or many acres of skin-deep “repentance” are both WITHOUT VALUE – unless it

achieves a RENOVATION OF THE HUMAN HEART!

78: The life lived in our work-a-day world is determined by THE SOUL WITHIN.

79: Jacob's going into Egypt was a great spiritual error because Palestine was his BIRTHRIGHT (bought and received through blessing). A birthright should never be left behind. Spiritually, this is even more so, for Canaan typifies a spiritual treasure or heritage GAINED HERE ON EARTH. To forsake such a heritage – even for the feeding of a human body – is “looking back”; it is placing more value on the flesh than on the things of God; it is failing to “hate one's own life for His sake”!! (Here, overlook not that his brother Esau survived the famine without leaving his heritage).

80: God has shown us the VITAL IMPORTANCE, and the FORWARD STEP in the Christian faith as marked by the Protestant Reformation, BY MEANS OF the era of the nine coins being PRECISION CLIPPED OFF at the time of the reformation. It thus inaugurating THE era of the Lost Coin Found.

81: Comments will here vary with every individual.